AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS (AS ON AMENDED ANNEX SHEETS)

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (original) An additive mixture consisting of a component A and a component B, where
 - i) component A is at least one polysiloxane antifoam and
- ii) component B is at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, a long-chain carboxylic acid, an ester of such a carboxylic acid or a mixture comprising at least one of these compounds.
- 2. (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, as component A, at least one polysiloxane of the general formula I

$$\begin{bmatrix} R \\ R \\ SiO_{1/2} \\ R \end{bmatrix}_{W} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ SiO_{2/2} \\ R \end{bmatrix}_{X} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ SiO_{3/2} \\ SiO_{3/2} \end{bmatrix}_{Y} \begin{bmatrix} SiO_{4/2} \\ SiO_{4/2} \end{bmatrix}_{Z}$$
(I)

where

the R radicals are each independently an R¹, R², R³, R⁴ or R⁵ radical where

R¹ is an aromatic or saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical,

R² is an organic polyol,

R³ is a polyether radical,

R⁴ is a phenol radical,

R⁵ is an R² radical, except that some or all of the hydroxyl groups have been converted to diesters, diethers, acetals and/or ketals,

$$W = 2 + y + 2 z$$
,

y and z are each independently a number from 0 to 2 where the sum of y and z corresponds to a number from 0 to 2 and

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$$w + x + y + z = from 20 to 60.$$

 (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in component A, R¹ is C₁-C₂₄-alkyl, C₃-C₂₄-cycloalkyl, C₄-C₂₄-alkylcycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀-aryl or C₇-C₁₈—arylalkyl,

R² is a saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical which is substituted by at least two hydroxyl groups and is optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms,

R³ is a polyether radical which contains at least 50% by weight of copolymerized ethylene oxide units and has a molecular weight of up to 1500,

the quotient of the number of R^1 groups to the number of R^2 groups (R^1/R^2) is from 3 to 19 and

the quotient of the sum of the number of R^3 , R^4 and R^5 groups to the number of R^2 groups $[(R^3+R^4+R^5)/R^21]$ is from 0 to 2.

- 4. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in any of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid neutralized by at least one amine.
- 5. (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 4, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid salt of the formula II

where

R is C₇-C₂₃-alkyl or mono- or polyunsaturated C₇-C₂₃-alkenyl, each of which are optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups;

A is C₂-C₈-alkylene;

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- $Z \qquad \text{is C_1-C_8-alkylene, C_3-C_9-cycloalkylene, C_6-C_{12}-arylene or C_7-C_{20}-arylalkylene;}\\$
 - m is a number from 0 to 5; and
- x^1 , x^2 , x^3 and x^4 are each independently a number from 0 to 24, and optionally at least one further fatty acid RCOOH where R is as defined above.
- 6. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein component B comprises at least one saturated or unsaturated monoor polycarboxylic acid having from 4 to 50 carbon atoms or at least one ester of such a carboxylic acid with a mono- or polyhydric alcohol having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and from 1 to 8 hydroxyl groups.
- 7. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in any of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein component A and component B are present in a weight ratio of from 1:200 to 1:10.
- 8. (currently amended) A method of additizing fuel compositions comprising adding to a fuel composition The use of an additive mixture as defined in any of the preceding claims claim 1 for additizing fuel compositions.
- 9. (currently amended) The <u>method use</u> as claimed in claim 8 <u>wherein the</u> additive mixture improves for improving the antifoam performance of a fuel composition.
- 10. (currently amended) A method of improving the antifoam action of a polysiloxane antifoam in fuel compositions comprising including in the polysiloxane antifoam The use of at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, a long-chain carboxylic acid, an ester of such a carboxylic acid or a mixture comprising at least one of these compounds for improving the antifoam action of a polysiloxane antifoam in fuel compositions.

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- 11. (currently amended) A fuel composition comprising a majority of a hydrocarbon fuel and an effective amount of an additive mixture as defined in any of claims 1 to 7 claim 1.
- 12. (original) A fuel composition comprising a majority of a hydrocarbon fuel and an effective amount of an additive mixture, which comprises
 - i) as component A, at least one polysiloxane antifoam and
- ii) as component B, at least one fatty acid partially or completely neutralized by at least one amine,

and optionally at least one further additive.

- 13. (Currently Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 11 or 12 or the use as claimed in any of claims 8 to 10, wherein the fuel is diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.
- 14. (original) A fuel composition or the use as claimed in claim 13, wherein the diesel fuel is one obtainable by refining, coal gasification or gas liquefaction, or a mixture thereof with renewable fuels.
- 15. (currently amended) An additive concentrate comprising an additive mixture as defined in any of claims 1 to 7 claim 1 and at least one diluent.
- 16. (New) The fuel composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fuel is diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.
- 17. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the additive mixture is added to a diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.
- 18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the polysiloxane antifoam is added to a diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.